TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



HB 1590 – SB 1956

March 8, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the definition of "eligible independent postsecondary institution" under the Hope Scholarship program to include certain non-profit institutions

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$128,000/FY11-12/Lottery for Education Account \$219,500/FY12-13 and Subsequent Years/Lottery for Education Account

Assumptions:

- According to the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC), the American Baptist College (ABC) is the only non-profit institution that meets all the specified criteria of this bill.
- TSAC estimates that 31 additional students will receive Hope Scholarships as a result of this bill during FY11-12.
- Of these 31 additional students, five will be traditional students (each with an annual award of \$4,000), 16 will be traditional students who receive the Aspire supplemental award (each with an annual award of \$5,500), and 10 will be non-traditional students (each with a second-semester award of \$2,000; these students will have to earn their way into the program during their first semester).
- The increase in state expenditures from the Lottery for Education Account for FY11-12 will be $$128,000 [(5 \times $4,000) + (16 \times $5,500) + (10 \times $2,000)]$.
- TSAC indicates there will be 34 new students to qualify for the Hope Scholarship in FY12-13, and 17 from FY11-12 will retain the Hope Scholarship in FY12-13 (for a total 51 students). This number is assumed to remain constant in subsequent years.
- Of these 51 additional students, nine will be traditional students (each with an annual award of \$4,000), 25 will be traditional students who receive the Aspire supplemental award (each with an annual award of \$5,500), 11 will be non-traditional students (each with a second-semester award of \$2,000; these students will have to earn their way into the program during their first semester), and six will be non-traditional students (each with an annual award of \$4,000).

• The recurring increase in state expenditures from the Lottery for Education Account for FY12-13 and subsequent years will be $$219,500 [(9 \times $4,000) + (25 \times $5,500) + (11 \times $2,000) + (6 \times $4,000)]$.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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